

GREENWOOD NEWS

Grace Young, Reporter

The Boards of Education of Greenwood, Jasper and Troupsburg sent out the Brochure last week about the Consolidation of the three schools. It was a surprise conclusion that a new K-12 building for about 1100 students be built at a central location ready for use in 1979-80 school year. The Boards concluded that this new total building would better meet today's standards for conservation of energy, upkeep and maintenance and more effective utilization of staff as well as improving the offerings to the students, all at a long range economical savings to the district taxpayers.

The new building would have one wing for the elementary students and one wing for high school 7 - 12 grades. Transportation to one building would be more economical and more efficient when new routes are established rather than 3 or 4 locations that may exist with other options. A wider curriculum could be offered and more diversified sports.

The present three buildings, where we thought we would keep our own elementary students, require separate staffs and increasing maintenance expense for old buildings. We would each have a building to dispose of and lose all local activity. The state pays incentive operating aid to a consolidated district. This is a new bonus percentage of the new districts, operating aid provided for a period of 14 years. The state would pay 80.8% of the building cost, leaving the local share 17.2%.

This information is the first step in a long process. Read it and come to one of the Public Meetings: Troupsburg, February 7 - Jasper February 8 - and Greenwood February 19. You can hear both sides and express your opinions. Then petitions to the Commission of Education, and finally a Public Vote in each District.

If the decision is in favor, a new Board of Education for the Consolidated District would be elected and decide where to build the school and all other decisions.

The gas shortage has really hit our school. The National Fuel Gas Company made it mandatory to lower the thermostats to 65 degrees for day and 55 degrees for night. The children are to wear warm clothing. The school was asked to close Friday and Monday and then by Sunday the closing was mandated by the state to close all this week.

The School had already closed the Swimming Pool until conditions improved to conserve gas. The Basketball game at Campbell Friday night was cancelled because of the weather, wind and snow and poor visibility. Games this week will be cancelled as there is no heat at the school.

Congratulations to Andy Moore for winning the Hornell Area Foul Shooting Contest sponsored by the Elks Club in Hornell. Andy made 23 out of 25 to win in his age group. He went on to the Western Regional Contest in Salamanca and competed with winners from Western New York. He came in third with 18 out of 25 shots. The winners tied with 20 out of 25 and after a run-off a fly from Cornell won.

The Library Media Center report 1560 magazines have been used for reference since September. This will soon be increased as High School students prepare for Speech Contest and doing reference also for term papers. Mr. Ala York is a new donor of Sports Magazines. Principal and Mrs. Gary Moore gave the book, "Spirit of '76" by Eric Sloam, in memory of Mr. John Ahearn. Books and magazines were also donated by the Goodno Estate.

The School has items for sale: Two Cafeteria Tables and two 10 foot metal Gables. Come and inspect them and submit a bid by February 14, when the Board of

Education will open the bids. The Board has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

The West Union Fire Company will hold a Round and Square Dance at the Fire Hall in Rexville, Saturday, February 12 from 9 - 1 Refreshments will be available. Come and have a good time and support the Firemen.

Cafeteria Menus at Greenwood Central School for the week of February 7 - 11 are:

MONDAY - Hamburg with Roll, Fries, Fruit, Cake, choc or white Milk

TUESDAY - Juice, Goulash Peanut Butter Sandwich, Buttered Green Beans, Cookie choc or white Milk

WEDNESDAY - Soup, Crackers, Submarines, Raisin & Peanut Cup, Glorified Rice, choc or white Milk

THURSDAY - Juice, Hot Dog with Roll, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Ice Cream, choc or white Milk

FRIDAY - Macaroni & Cheese Stewed Tomatoes, Egg Salad Sandwich, Fruit, choc or white Milk

Scott Kickbush reports from the Music Department that \$600 was raised in the Students Walk-A-Thon, thanks to all the people who sponsored them. New Flags, balloons, poles and swing flags have been purchased with this money. Band Boosters are busy making uniforms for the Color Guard which has expanded from 22 to 36. Twenty-five students will be playing solos at Canisteo, February 5 for All-County Junior High. They are auditioning for the All-County Band.

The Jazz Ensemble again play their dinner in June and are scheduled to play concerts at Campbell Central School and Bishop-Walsh in Olean.

The Concert Band will play its Spring Concert in March and a combined concert with Troupsburg and Jasper in April. The combined bands will have 110 students from the three schools and there will be one performance, probably at Alfred Ag-Tech Gym.

There is financial help for students planning to attend Higher Education. A parents financial statement should be filed by those having students going on to school. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. There is State Federal and local assistance. There is Basic Educational Opportunity Grants; Federal; Tuition Assistance Program; State Regents College and Nursing Scholarships; Regents Grants for Veterans Children; National Direct Student Loan; College Work - Study Federal Greenwood Scholarship Fund. There will be a Work Shop in February for Juniors and Seniors.

The Sesqui-Centennial Committee will hold the second meeting at the Town Hall, Friday, February 4, at 7:30 P. M. Every organization, lodge, churches, businesses, and school should be a part and send a representative. Anyone interested in Town History and activities, is invited. Ed Mullen is Chairman.

Friday was a real blizzard all day and continued winds have blocked driveways and made back roads hard going, even icy on packed State Roads. With continued cold and gas regulations to 65, the United Methodist Church Sunday Service was cancelled also the Senior Citizens have cancelled their dinner-meeting scheduled for this Wednesday at the United Methodist Church.

The Well Child Clinic is still scheduled for Friday at the United Methodist Church.

Congratulations to Deborah Cook daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Cook and Cindy Dennison daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Den



50 YEARS AGO

September 24, 1926

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Mr. and Mrs. William Joyce of West Greenwood, are parents of a daughter born September 19.

Mrs. H. G. Storer entertained the Entre Nous Club at her home Tuesday evening. The ladies presented one of their members, Miss Anna Gallagher, a beautiful piece of table linen. Her wedding to Max Richardson will take place on October 18.

Miss Elizabeth Cannon left Wednesday evening to continue her studies at Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass.

Miss Sara Bettinger went to Elmira, Wednesday to enter her junior year at Elmira College.

Charles Caple has improved his property on North Main Street by the addition of a large balcony porch.

Germain Swink of Portland, Oregon, was a caller in Andover, Wednesday enroute to Washington, D. C.

Supervisor D. D. Baker of Greenwood, entertained friends at a dinner party at the Hotel Sherwood in honor of his brother, K. C. Baker, President of the United North & South Oil Company of Lullis, Texas. The Baker Brothers have recently become very wealthy through their Texas oil fields.

40 YEARS AGO

September 25, 1936

Claire C. Backus, Publisher

The Borden Service Station on

nison, who were on the Alfred Ag Tech Dean's List.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sherman and Mrs. Willard Hulse were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Hulse and family of West Greenwood, Wednesday night, to celebrate the birthday of Burdette

Greenwood Volunteer Effort were called out at 8:30 A. M. Friday to the Robert Hooker home for a chimney fire.

Mrs. Josephine Kruger of Savona spent Thursday with Mrs. Hulda McDonough and took her to Canisteo for lunch.

Mrs. Barbara Reisman returned home from the Bethesda Hospital last Sunday.

Mrs. Lloyd Hollenbeck returned home from the Jones Memorial Hospital last Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Newman returned home from the St. James Mercy Hospital last Sunday.

Mrs. Clair Tracy was a medical patient at the St. James Mercy Hospital Monday to Thursday.

Stephanie Schwartz daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schwartz was a tonsillectomy patient at the St. James Mercy Hospital Monday to Wednesday.

Mrs. Margaret Hollenbeck returned home from the St. James Mercy Hospital, Thursday.

Mrs. Francis Meehan of Rexville, entered the Bethesda Community Hospital in Hornell, Thursday.

Mrs. Grace Holt went from the St. James Mercy Hospital last week back to the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Saxon in Whitesville. Another daughter, Mrs. Louise Taft of Elmira came to help care for her mother.

Steve Benjamin and his roommate from Washington, D. C. where he is employed, spent the weekend with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kinper of the Christian Hollow Road, He reports that Maryland was bad driving.

Two senior boys enlisted in the Service in December to get better future benefits and are deferred to complete High School. Timothy Heckman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Heckman and Michael Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Holt, both enlisted in the Navy to go to the Great Lakes Training Center in August. They went to Buffalo during the first big snow storm, and have had their physicals.

the East End of Main Street, has been leased by C. L. Earley to the M & W Tire Company of Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Shovel Hollow, September 21, when 87 relatives and friends gave them a surprise visit. They are parents of four sons and five daughters, eight now living. Eugene of Towanda, Pa., Mrs. Hetty Blackman of Hinsdale, Mrs. Sara Sutherland of Richburg, Mrs. Clara Nobles, Mrs. Bessie Babcock, John and James Nobles of Andover and Alice at home. Guests were present from Richburg, Hinsdale, Whitesville, Stannards, Elm Valley, Beach Hill, Wellsville, Bolivar, and Andover. Among the guests was a sister of Mr. Nobles, Mrs. Marie Covel of Stannards who is 94 years of age and in good health.

Francis Kemp died September 23 at his home in Fairville. He was born in Andover Feb. 20, 1861 the son of Samuel and Eliza Burdick Kemp. On August 22, 1894 he married Myrtle Rogers who survives with two sisters, Mrs. Alice Beil of Andover and Mrs. Harry Morton of Hornell and one brother, Ralph of Andover. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Andover.

A son was born September 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith at the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bates of Greenwood are parents of a daughter born September 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Todd of Greenwood are parents of a son born September 16.

Melvin Henderson, 62, was found dead September 16 at the cottage of A. R. Graves in West Union where he had been living. Survivors are three sisters, Mrs. Anna Knight, Mrs. Flora Knight and Carrie Henderson. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery.

James Williamson, 86, died at the Bethesda Hospital, September 17. He was born in Interlaken Seneca County, March 11, 1850, son of Joseph and Delancy Frantz Williamson. In January 1870, he married Miss Lu Fanny Richards of Greenwood, who died several years ago. He is survived by one son, John, where he had been living. Burial was in West Union.

Miss Natalie Sheppard, director of Physical Culture for Women at Alfred, has resigned and accepted a similar position in Macolite College at St. Paul, Minn.

The Contract Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. W. F. O'Connell Thursday evening.

The Philathea Class of the M. E. Church met at the home of Mrs. Addie Cook, Tuesday afternoon.

A joint birthday and Wedding anniversary dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rucker Sunday honoring the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Board and the birthday of Donald Emery. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bennett of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Emery and son Donald and Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Myers.

The Gay Luncheon Club met with Mrs. Bessie Mulconery, Wednesday.

Edward R. Cannon returned to Buffalo Medical College, Wednesday for his sophomore year after a vacation with his mother, Mrs. James P. Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith of Woodhull, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Snyder. Mrs. C. E. Brown accompanied them home for a few days visit.

Dr. S. B. Scott, Dr. H. J. Leahy, Harold Dawson, Harold Howland and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Backus attended a dinner given by the Young Men's Democratic Club at the Hotel Fasset in Wellsville on Tuesday evening.

Fay E. Boyd and C. C. Backus accompanied Eighth District Commander J. L. Parson of Angelica, to Warsaw, Thursday evening to attend a meeting of Wyoming Co. American Legion. They were also in Belmont Monday night where Commander Parson installed the newly elected officers of the Belmont Legion Post.

County Chairman, Mrs. C. C. Backus was in Bolivar Monday evening to install the officers of the Bolivar American Legion Auxiliary.

30 YEARS AGO

September 26, 1946

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles of Shovel Hollow were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary at

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"Inside The State Capital"

By James L. Emery

I have purposely taken a period of time to study and digest the implications of Governor Carey's 1977-78 state budget proposals before making any comment. In fairness to all, I feel it is necessary to do this in order to get a clear picture of what these plans mean to residents of not only the 13th Assembly District, but throughout the state.

Having done this, I have come to the conclusion that the budget presented to us by the Governor is very devastating to upstate areas. And the more I study it, the more I am convinced that once again the budget is designed to assist the City of New York as opposed to upstate areas. In short, upstate is losing and New York City is gaining.

That is verified by an article in a recent edition of the New York Times which reports some \$68 million in the state budget for New York City which it hadn't even counted on in addition to the millions already built into the budget to assist the city.

It must be noted that the Governor's proposed budget of \$11.3 billion is some \$350 million more than last year. Although he has reworked many programs and has come up with some new plans for other areas such as a change in the aid to education formula, at the same time he is increasing the State Purposes Budget by over 10 per cent or some \$233 million. I must say I am puzzled by this because he is telling localities, in effect, that he is going to cut their local aid, but is forbidding them to raise their local taxes and is demanding that they find some way of cutting back.

The same premise, however, does not hold true at the state level, according to our Governor, where some \$233 million is being added in the budget to help pay for 200 government state jobs and 1000 seasonal jobs. I don't understand how he can justify the theory of cutting back in funds at the local level while the state bureaucracy forges ahead with new money and new jobs.

I am particularly concerned with the Governor's plan to cut back and change the emphasis of revenue sharing for local governments. The problem is that most local government - towns, villages and counties - have built into their budgets increases in this revenue sharing for the coming fiscal year based on income tax collections.

The Governor now comes and announces that the state will freeze revenue sharing to localities at the same level as this present fiscal year for the next two years. What this would mean for every local government in the 136th Assembly District is a squeeze between not having the money they need and expect from the state and not being able to raise local taxes, and probably would force them to go to borrowing to replace a deficit which they would experience. I am saying that it is totally unfair for the state to change an aid formula or reduce aid in the middle of a budget year of many municipalities.

In dealing with another phase of the proposed budget, the Governor has been calling this a "no tax increase budget." This really is not true, because he is recommending re-imposing the surcharge on banks and corporations in the state. Although he is recommending the reduction of the state income tax for persons earning under \$20,000, I think we need to know just exactly what that means.

For a person earning between \$15,000 and \$20,000 a year, this amounts to a \$5 savings. The maximum benefit which can be received in the best of circumstances is around \$50 in savings. This may be fine, but by re-imposing the tax on corporations and banks, the Governor is once again jamming up any flow underway to get the private economy of this state moving again. And this is in direct conflict with his own Commerce Commissioner who has been going around the state and urging a reduction of business taxes to stimulate the economy and jobs.

Meanwhile there are many other aspects of this proposed budget which I intend to scrutinize in the coming weeks, and I will discuss them in future columns.

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